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Illinois Center for the Book Is Established

James Edgar, Secretary of State and State Librarian of Illinois, has announced the creation of the Illinois Center for the Book, a nonprofit corporation modeled after the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. "Our center," noted Mr. Edgar, "will be a statewide catalyst for stimulating public interest in books and reading and for encouraging the study of books."

The establishment of the Illinois Center for the Book was celebrated on July 8 at a reception and cruise on Lake Michigan aboard the ship *Star of Chicago*. The Encyclopaedia Britannica Companies sponsored the reception, which featured remarks by Secretary of State Edgar; Robert P. Gwinn, chairman of the board, Encyclopaedia Britannica; Charles E. Swanson, president, Encyclopaedia Britannica and member of the advisory committee for the Illinois Center for the Book; Ralph C. Wagner, president, Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation; and John Y. Cole, executive director of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

"The new Illinois Center for the Book," explained Mr. Cole, "will help the Library of Congress reach a wider audience with reading promotion themes such as 'Read More About It,' 'A Nation of Readers,' and 'Books Make a Difference.' With a distinguished advisory committee of Illinois citizens and a host of potential projects, it is a natural and powerful extension of the Center for the Book's mission and purpose. We are delighted to have such a strong, new ally."

Mr. Edgar will chair the advisory committee for the Illinois Center for the Book. Other members are Michael Anania, chairman of READ ILLINOIS; Peggy Barber, associate executive director for communications, American Library Association; Mrs. Morton

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Library of Congress Begins Conversion Service for British Library MARC Records

Beginning in April, the Library of Congress's Cataloging Distribution Service began offering a conversion service for British Library (BL) MARC catalog records. The machine-readable bibliographic records available through this new service correspond to those found in the printed *British National Bibliography*, covering current books and first issues of serials published in the United Kingdom. British Library cataloging-in-publication records are also included.

Under the terms of the Library of Congress arrangement with the British Library, those in the United States and elsewhere wishing to receive British Library MARC records in the USMARC communications format must first enter into a subscription agreement with the British Library. The subscriber will then enter into a separate agreement with the Library of Congress for the conversion of the BL UKMARC records into USMARC.

This new Library of Congress conversion service parallels a similar service offered by the British Library, whereby libraries in the United Kingdom and other countries wishing to receive Library of Congress (LC) MARC records in the UKMARC Exchange Format will subscribe directly to the Library of Congress tape service, but will receive the records from the British Library converted into UKMARC.

British Library cataloging adheres to the second edition of the *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules* (AACR 2), although the name and title headings will not always conform to Library of Congress Rule Interpretations. Dewey Decimal Classification numbers from the 19th edition are included, as are general Library of Congress Classification numbers. Subject headings in the records are assigned from *Library of Congress Subject Headings* by British Library staff. The British Library's PRECIS (Preserved Context Index System) strings are also retained in the converted USMARC records. The British Library distributes its tapes to the Library of Congress on a weekly basis, where they are converted and redistributed within a few days of receipt.

The BL MARC tapes include many records for which the Library of Congress will also create full LC MARC catalog records, and will thus duplicate in part the LC Books and Serials MARC distribution services. In some cases, however, the BL records will be available before the corresponding LC records are. The British Library issues approximately 50,000 records per year, chiefly for materials in English. At present, only those BL records cataloged by the British Library since January 1, 1985, are available as part of this service. More extensive back files may also be made available if there is sufficient interest.

The price for LC's conversion service is $1,600 for 1985. Customers wishing to receive this distribution must first contact the British Library directly and establish a subscription to its UKMARC Tape Service. Letters should be addressed to: Marketing and Support Office, The British Library, Bibliographic Services Division, 2 Sheraton Street, London W1V 4BH, United Kingdom. In corresponding with the British Library about this service, customers should mention that the records are wanted in the USMARC communications format, rather than UKMARC. Further information about the Library of Congress conversion service should be addressed to: Customer Services Section, Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20541.

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Comparable institutions and organizations in other countries may arrange to receive the *Bulletin* on an exchange basis by applying in writing to the Library's Exchange and Gift Division. All other correspondence should be addressed to the LC *Information Bulletin*, Information Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Bruce Tapper, Editor

Acting Register of Copyrights Testifies On U.S. Adherence to Berne Convention

The Copyright Office supports recent Executive branch efforts to seek adherence to the Berne Copyright Convention, an international copyright treaty of which the United States is not a signatory, but it conditions that support on substantially retaining the deposit-registration-recordation systems, said Donald Curran, Acting Register of Copyrights, before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Patents, Copyrights, and Trademarks on May 16. Mr. Curran was accompanied by Dorothy Schrader, Copyright Office general counsel, and Lewis Flacks, policy planning adviser.

Mr. Curran said that the Copyright Office supports joining Berne if the perceived benefits of joining lead to a "public and political consensus about the necessary changes in our law to make it consistent with the minimum obligations of Berne," and if the "deposit, registration, and recordation provisions . . . will be maintained substantially unchanged."

"As long as we remain outside (of Berne), our voice is formally unheard there and may be discounted to some extent in developing countries where U.S. copyright interests have serious concerns," Mr. Curran noted. He also said, however, "we would call the Congress' attention to the fact that the acquisitions of the national library through the copyright system have long rested upon the *registration* of claims to copyright, accompanied by an archivally acceptable deposit, rather than through the cumbersome and expensive enforcement proceedings of mandatory deposit. Alterations in the role of registration could have the unintended effect of badly disrupting the systematic acquisition activities of the Library of Congress."

The hearing before the Senate Subcommittee was called by Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. (R.-Md.) to air the advantages and disadvantages of adherence to the Berne convention. Since the Berne treaty was developed in 1886, there have been many efforts to encourage the U.S. to join; in 1984 the U.S. State Department, along with the Cabinet Council on Intellectual Property, rekindled this renewed interest in the Berne Convention. (After the U.S. withdrew from UNESCO in 1984, the State Department's Advisory Committee on International Intellectual Property took a new look at Berne. That committee considered the possibility that U.S. influence had diminished in the Universal Copyright Convention (UCC), which is administered by UNESCO.)

At the hearing Arpad Bogsch, director of the World Intellectual Property Organization, which administers the Berne Convention, was the first to speak. He asserted that the United States was already giving its authors a very high level of protection. U.S. law is incompatible with the Berne Convention only in certain ways, Dr. Bogsch said. "The only real difference that makes the U.S. law incompatible with the Berne Convention consists in the notice and registration requirements. One can solve that in two ways: make compliance with those two requirements voluntary rather than mandatory for any work or make compliance with those requirements voluntary only for foreign works that would have to be protected under the Berne Convention," Dr. Bogsch said. "I am convinced that even if the former course is chosen, the flow of copies of works to the Library of Congress will continue. And the number of registrations in the Copyright Office will continue so that no one will lose his or her job there because of the advantages that the deposit and registration have, even without being conditions of copyright protection."

Mr. Curran agreed with Dr. Bogsch's assertion that the United States may have to change its copyright law to adhere to Berne, but he pointed out that the member states of Berne would also have to accept U.S. practices. "Deposit, registration, and recordation are substantially Berne compatible, provided the copyright notice provision is adjusted," Mr. Curran said. "Copyright deposit continues to be a key element for acquisitions for the Library of Congress."

Mr. Curran also said, "it is important not to lose sight of a fundamental policy objective which has grown up in the 110 years that copyright functions have been lodged in the Library of Congress: that the copyright system can appropriately be structured to assure to present and future generations of Americans a living record of their society, maintained by the national library. This has been achieved by a judicious balance of mandatory deposit requirements and registrations made for commercial or personal purposes by copyright owners and authors. Should the United States adhere to the Berne Convention, this policy cannot be compromised without performing a major disservice to today's and tomorrow's scholars, and to authors themselves, for authors are among the principal users of libraries.

"Whatever the practices of Berne as to the kinds of materials which are subject to mandatory deposit for the benefit of national libraries, United States entry into the Berne Convention ought to provide the occasion for our country to affirm the right and the social duty of national libraries to acquire, preserve, and make accessible to all, the material expressions of national cultural life. And, further, that the carrying out of such a function in the 20th and 21st centuries cannot be limited to 'printed publications' any more than a nation's culture and communications can be confined to the printed page."

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Center for the Book Advisors Meet, 1987 to Be "The Year of the Reader"

"The year 1987 will be celebrated by the Center for the Book as 'The Year of the Reader.' Organizations and individuals throughout America are invited to participate with events and projects that encourage reading and remind Americans of the crucial importance of reading in a democracy." This declaration concluded the meeting of the National Advisory Board of the Center for the Book, held at the Library of Congress on April 16–17.

More than 80 board members and guests took part in the sessions, that featured presentations on "the need for book-related research," discussions about the role of the book in the future, the "twin menaces" of illiteracy and aliteracy, the development of centers for the book in Florida and Illinois, and a public lecture by Simon Michael Bessie, a director of Harper & Row and chairman of the National Advisory Board. Special committees also met to discuss new ideas for promoting the book internationally and for encouraging the study of books.

Book-Related Research

The entire book community suffers from a dearth of reliable information about how books are distributed, read, and valued by American society, noted Andrew H. Neilly, president of John Wiley & Sons and the first speaker at a meeting on April 16 on the need for book-related research. In spite of the efforts made by the Book Industry Study Group (BISG), he felt that book research suffers from imprecision, overlapping efforts, and a lack of both accountability and professionalism. "There are still too many groups attempting to gather their own statistics for their own purposes," he said. Ideally, Mr. Neilly remarked he would like to see a single data base or source of accurate information and up-to-date statistics that would serve all elements of the book community.

The book research meeting, chaired by Carol A. Nemeyer, Associate Librarian for National Programs, Library of Congress, was sponsored by the Center for the Book in cooperation with the Center for Book Research at the University of Scranton, headed by John Dessauer. Mr. Dessauer outlined current trends in book research and stated that the biggest obstacle to increased professionalism in the field was "the mind-set that says 'if I can't have the whole story, I'll use my gut feeling.' " In fact, he noted, self-knowledge based on research was a prerequisite for accountability and professionalism.

What book-related research is now under way? How can book research be improved and more effectively coordinated? What are the research gaps? Who pays for book research, and why? These questions were posed and debated during the afternoon discussions, which included brief presentations by Sandra Paul of SKP Associates, who represented BISG; Judith Appelbaum, Center for Book Research; Mary Jo Lynch, American Library Association (ALA); Susan Vita, Cataloging in Publication Program, Library of Congress; Samuel S. Peng and Ramsay Selden, U.S. Office of Education; Patricia Harris, National Information Standards Organization, and other representatives of government organizations and private industry. One conclusion was that the Center for the Book should continue its interest in book research by convening a larger meeting that would include educational, reading, and other research groups not present on April 16. There also was agreement that the Department of Education should continue and, if possible, strengthen its support of the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES); that a clearinghouse for book research and statistics is needed; that a revitalized joint effort by the American Library Association and the Association of American Publishers would help considerably; and that more research is needed on the reading habits and "attitudes toward books" of special groups such as young people, minorities, and the elderly.

The Book in the Future

The continuing interest of the Center for the Book in the future role of books and reading was evident throughout the two-day meeting, but most specifically in the public lecture, "The Book in the Future: A Publisher's Perspective," presented on April 16 by Simon Michael Bessie. The talk will be published in the Center's Viewpoint series.

John Y. Cole, the center's executive director, described the widespread, positive national reaction to *Books in Our Future,* the report prepared under the Center's auspices and presented to the Congress in December 1984. The report, which has stimulated more than 100 editorials in newspapers around the country, was commended by the American Library Association in a resolution adopted in January 1985. The center has hired a consultant, Carren O. Kaston, to expand the directory section of *Books in Our Future* into a separate publication, which is tentatively titled "The Community of the Book: A Guide to Organizations and Programs." A second volume, "Books in Our Future: Perspectives and Speculations," is now being prepared. An excerpt from this volume, authored by project consultants Charles A. Goodrum and Helen Dalrymple, has been published in the May 1985 issue of *Wilson Library Bulletin.*

Illiteracy and Aliteracy

The "twin menaces" of illiteracy and aliteracy were identified in *Books in Our Future* as the major threats to the future of books and reading in this country. Much of the discussion on April 17 focused on ways the Center for the Book, in cooperation with other organizations, could help combat both illiteracy and aliteracy. It was agreed that the center, while supporting efforts to eradicate illiteracy, should concentrate on "aliterates," trying to stimulate those who have stopped reading to begin reading again. The status of the center's major reading motivation projects—" Read More About It," "Cap'n O.G. Readmore," "Books Make a Difference," and "A Nation of Readers"—were reviewed (see LC *Information Bulletin,* April 15, p. 81). In addition, John Cole announced a new development: the center had become the cosponsor, with the Association of American Publishers, of the "I'd Rather Be Reading" promotion project. Posters showing celebrities who would "rather be reading" are being considered. Other reading promotion ideas mentioned included the notion of distributing reading lists in connection with national anniversaries and holidays, an annual "Festival of the Book," and "Books Make a Difference," a campaign aimed at teenagers that would tie reading directly to perceived rewards such as fixing a car, dancing, playing volleyball, and other skill-related activities.

The program included comments from representatives of organizations with whom the Center for the Book is cooperating. Board chairman Simon Michael Bessie moderated the discussion, which included brief presentations by Patricia Holt of the *San Francisco Chronicle,* who urged the board to adopt the "Year of the Reader" theme; Ruth Graves, Reading Is Fundamental, Inc., Lynne Jacobs, American Booksellers Association; Peggy Barber, American Library Association; Tommye Miller, National Association of College Stores; Guy Brown, U.S. Information Agency; Ray Fry, U.S. Department of Education; and Susan Green, Adult Literacy Initiative, U.S. Department of Education.

Statewide Centers for the Book

In 1984 the Broward Country Library in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., with advice and cooperation from the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, established the Florida Center for the Book. Its first public event was a lecture by biographer Justin Kaplan, titled "Born to Trouble: One Hundred Years of Huckleberry Finn," presented in the fall of 1984. At the April 17 advisory board meeting, Jean Trebbi, executive director of the Florida Center, announced that the lecture had been published as the first joint project between the Florida Center and the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

An Illinois Center for the Book, based at the Illinois State Library, was being planned. On April 17, Mary Mills Dunea, special assistant to James Edgar, Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian, briefly discussed some of the possible activities at the Illinois Center. Like the Florida Center, the Illinois Center will help projects inspired by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress reach a wider audience. Both centers will also use private contributions and state and Federal grants for active programs of reading and book promotion. The establishment of the Illinois Center was planned to be announced in Chicago on July 8 at a reception sponsored by Encyclopaedia Britannica Companies.

Guidelines have been established for creating statewide centers for the book that will cooperate with the Library of Congress. A request to the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress for advice and cooperation should come from the potential state center with a proposed program of activities that parallels, in scope and spirit, the program at the Library of Congress. An advisory committee should be established that includes representation from book-related interests throughout the state. A statewide coordinator must be designated. A state center will not receive any direct funding from the Center in the Library of Congress, and the costs of joint projects must be shared. And finally, such cooperation will begin and continue only as long as those involved agree that the joint effort advances the cause of books in creative and meaningful ways.

The History of Books

The progress of the early copyright records project in the Rare Book and Special Collections Division of the Library of Congress was reviewed, along with the status of the other historical and scholarly projects of the Center for the Book. Five books based on center projects are in various stages of completion (see LC *Information Bulletin,* March 4, p. 41). Three meetings are scheduled this fall: a conference on the social history of the American book in the 19th century, sponsored with the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago and the Illinois Center for the Book; "Soviet and East European Book Studies," sponsored with the Third World Congress of Soviet and East European Studies and the European Division of the Library of Congress; and "The Art of Collecting Children's Books," sponsored with LC's Children's Literature Center.

—John Y. Cole, executive director,
The Center for the Book

Continuing Reports from the Midwinter Meeting of The American Library Association, in Washington, D.C.

The beginning of these reports, submitted by staff members of the Library of Congress who attended the Midwinter Meeting of the American Library Association in January, can be found in the July 15 LC *Information Bulletin*, p. 180.

Association of College Research Libraries

Rare Books and Manuscripts Section

The Association of College Research Libraries (ACRL) Rare Books and Manuscripts Section met 19 times during the Midwinter Meeting. New committees were formed; substantial advances were reported on works in progress; and new programs were set into motion.

The most significant development was the announcement that a new journal, *Rare Books and Manuscripts Librarianship*, will be issued from the section. The ACRL Board has authorized funding for two pilot issues that Ann Gwyn of Johns Hopkins University Special Collections will edit. The section also continues to publish a newsletter edited by Lauren Brown of the University of Maryland Special Collections. The ACRL Board approved the section's plans for presenting annual awards for library exhibition catalogs. The first awards will be presented in 1986. Four new committees met for the first time: Conservators' Collation (ad hoc); Curators/Conservators Relations (ad hoc); Developing Guidelines for Loaning Special Collections Materials for Exhibitions (ad hoc); and Literary Rights (ad hoc). A Manuscripts Discussion Group Committee (ad hoc) also was established by the Executive Committee.

Several committees presented updates on their activities. The Security Committee is preparing a document that will address what to do before a theft occurs, what to do after a theft occurs, and guidelines for model legislation. The Standards Committee reported substantial progress on a thesaurus of printing and publishing evidence and a thesaurus of binding terms. The Committee for Developing Guidelines on the Selection of General Collection Materials for Transfer to Special Collections (ad hoc) completed its work and a draft of its document will be published in the near future in *C&RL News*. The Committee for Developing Guidelines for Professional Ethics (ad hoc) revised its final draft of "Standards for Ethical Conduct for Rare Book, Manuscript, and Special Collections Librarians." The Continuing Education Committee finalized plans for the small group meetings and self-start sessions which will be held during the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section's preconference in Chicago, July 2–5. That preconference will focus on the theme "Changing Concepts of Value and Rarity." At the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section will present a program on "Special Collections in Public Libraries." —Peter Van Wingen

Association of Research Libraries Cooperative Cataloging Of Wing STC2 Committee

Representatives of the five universities involved in the project (Indiana University, the University of Arizona, the University of California at Riverside, the University of Delaware, and the University of Utah), OCLC, and University Microfilms International (UMI) met on January 7. Martin Joachim of Indiana University, coordinator of the project, chaired the meeting.

The project, which is funded by a Title IIC grant, involves the cataloging of the more than 25,000 titles of the first 32 units of Wing STC as published by UMI. Cataloging will be done into OCLC, in some instances taking advantage of the Enhance authorization by OCLC. All the authority work for the project is being done at Indiana University and submitted to the national name authority file via the Name Authority Cooperative (NACO) project at the Library of Congress. Most of the descriptive and subject cataloging is being performed at the four other university libraries.

Discussions were held regarding such internal topics as project staffing, expenditures, and reporting mechanisms. Also certain cataloging questions were resolved and additional pages of the cataloging manual for the project were distributed. —Suzanne L. Liggett

Government Documents Round Table

Cataloging Committee

This meeting, chaired by Judy Myers, opened with the announcement that the documents cataloging manual that had been prepared by this committee under its earlier name of GODORT Documents Cataloging Manual Committee has now been published by ALA and may be purchased for $49. After discussion about the advisability of issuing revisions to the manual and the possible timetable for doing so, it was agreed to postpone any decision until the summer meeting. Meanwhile, Chong Yoon of the State University of New York at Albany will compile a list of errata.

STAFF NEWS

Wassily Smyrnow Dies

Wassily Smyrnow of the Cataloging Division, a former member of the Library's Aerospace Technology Division, died of cancer on June 6.

Mr. Smyrnow was born and educated in Soviet Russia. He completed studies at the Electro-Technical Institute, Ivanovo, in 1935; at the Military School of Aviation, Stalingrad, in 1940; and at the Academy of Higher Pilotage, Lipetsk, in 1945. His major subject was aerodynamics. Mr. Smyrnow stayed at the Academy as assistant lecturer of aerodynamics for students of other faculties. Shortly before the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union, Mr. Smyrnow was drafted and sent to the military school to be trained as a fighter pilot. The outbreak of the war caught Mr. Smyrnow in the front where he barely escaped the rapidly advancing German troops. Back in the rear region, Mr. Smyrnow continued his training and in 1943 was sent to the front. His daring techniques and number of German airplanes that he shot down were rewarded by the Order of the Red Star and his appointment as the commander of the sharp-shooting squadron in the Soviet Air Force during the war. He flew 200 missions. Mr. Smyrnow and his group survived without losses for the rest of the war. After the Soviet occupation of Austria, Mr. Smyrnow was stationed in the town of Linz. During his war career, Mr. Smyrnow was under steady pressure by the group commissar to join the Communist Party. However, the commissar had no success because Mr. Smyrnow did not care for Stalin's communism and repeatedly refused, even when this might have meant the loss of the high award, the Order of Lenin, which was allegedly kept in the commissar's file to be given to Mr. Smyrnow upon his joining the Communist Party. Several Austrian friends helped him escape to the American occupation zone of Germany, where after a thorough debriefing, he was given a job at the electomotor factory. After he emigrated to the United States, Mr. Smyrnow worked as a janitor in New York City. During this period, Mr. Smyrnow became a naturalized American citizen.

In 1962, the Library of Congress, recruiting technically competent linguists, hired Mr. Smyrnow as a research specialist to work in the Aerospace Vehicles Unit of the Science and Technology Section in the Aerospace Technology Division. During his association with the Aerospace Technology Division, Mr. Smyrnow wrote several comprehensive reports based on the study of open Soviet literature received by the Library of Congress according to an exchange program with the Lenin Library in Moscow. After the Aerospace Technology Division was dissolved in October 1969, Mr. Smyrnow was hired by the Cataloging Division where he continued his work with East European literature. Recently, Mr. Smyrnow successfully accomplished an intensive course of computerization of the Library of Congress retrieval system and was promoted to the position of reviser in the Preparatory Cataloging Section of the Cataloging Division.

During his career with the Library of Congress, Mr. Smyrnow was the author of more than 14 professional publications. He was also the inventor of an anti-pollution waterway device and process.

Mr. Smyrnow is survived by his son, Billy.

Geraldine Ostrove Is Head of Music Division's Reader Services and Performing Arts Reading Room Section

Geraldine Ostrove has been appointed head of the Music Division's newly created Reader Services and Performing Arts Reading Room Section. This section is responsible for all public reference service provided

Geraldine Ostrove

by the division. Ms. Ostrove joined the Library of Congress staff this month.

Ms. Ostrove received her bachelor of arts degree from Goucher College, a master's degree in music from the Peabody Conservatory, and a master's degree in

library science from the University of Maryland School of Library and Information Service. Since 1976, she has been director of libraries at the New England Conservatory of Music. She was also lecturer in music librarianship at Simmons College.

This March, Ms. Ostrove assumed responsibilities as president of the Music Library Association. She is also past president of the U.S. branch of the International Association of Music Libraries Archives and Information Centers (IAML), and vice president of IAML's Bibliography Commission.

Ms. Ostrove's publications include *The Boston Composers Project: A Bibliography of Contemporary Music* (M.I.T. Press, 1983), of which she was associate editor, and numerous articles and reviews in the Music Library Association's *NOTES* and IAML's *Fontes artis musicae.*

Infoscreen Is Topic Of Online Users Group Program

The May 22 program sponsored by the Library of Congress Online Users Group was on a new online information system now available for use by departments throughout the Library. Speakers were Lynn Brooks of the Automated Systems Office, Susan Biebel of the Automated Systems Office, Susan Veccia of the Office of Automated Information Services, and Linda Arret of the General Reading Rooms Division.

Lynn Brooks explained that the Information Screen Facility (Infoscreen) was designed by the Automated Systems Office to respond to the need of user departments for a practical and simple means of communicating information online. Because the technical information communicated by any one department may not be relevant or useful for other areas of the Library, Infoscreen permits each department to create its own hierarchical system of display screens independently of those created by other departments. Within any one Infoscreen system, individual screens are linked to each other and accessed by means of menu screens. General system safeguards can provide safety-net features always enabling the user to return to an initial screen. Since the facility operates in conjunction with other LOCIS (LC Online Information System) systems, the user is able to move back and forth between Infoscreen and other online systems, such as MUMS (Multiple Use MARC System). The document "Introduction to Infoscreen" (ISF-005-0) describes basic features of Infoscreen, and is available to staff members through their division automation liaisons or by calling the Automated Systems Office, ext. 79672.

The potential uses of Infoscreen by Processing Services were described by Susan Biebel. A major advantage of Infoscreen is that it frequently remains operational even when other online systems are down, and therefore can be used to communicate system status information to staff members when severe problems occur. The Processing Services Infoscreen system, which is still being developed, is also expected to be a valuable tool for alerting users to new system enhancements, as well as for displaying technical information of use to staff. A prototype system illustrating types of information appropriate for display by means of Infoscreen is now available on designated terminals. The system will be extended to all terminals within Processing in the near future.

Susan Veccia emphasized the potential of Infoscreen for aiding in explanations of the SCORPIO system to the Congressional Research Service and congressional staff members. The Congressional Research Service is developing a self-explanatory system of instructional screens allowing individuals to learn on their own initiative and at their own pace. The system is not intended to provide exhaustive information about the online files, but rather to introduce new users to searching basics.

Possible applications of Infoscreen for the General Reading Rooms Division were outlined by Linda Arret. A future system might include four layers of screens for public users: general information about the Library of Congress, and a choice of doing research at the Library; a Research Services outline, including technical information for staff members; a General Reference layer, including information such as binding records for frequently requested periodicals; and a layer describing the General Reading Rooms Division services, study facilities, and procedures for requesting materials, as well as a choice to get into various teaching programs for LOCIS and for direct entrance to LOCIS searching.

The well-attended presentation concluded with a question-and-answer period.

Irene Roberts Is Presented 20-Year Federal Service Award Pin

Irene Roberts, a subject cataloger of education materials in the Subject Cataloging Division, was presented a 20-year Federal Service Award pin on June 19 by Regene Ross, assistant chief of the Subject Cataloging Division, and Ruth Rappaport, head of the Social Sciences II Section.

Born in Tallinn, Estonia, Ms. Roberts grew up in York, Pa., where she received an associate in arts degree from York Junior College. Ms. Roberts first became interested in cataloging when she worked for the Apollo Advertising Corporation in York during her junior college years. She cataloged the corporation's

extensive film negative collection and assigned subjects that she created.

While attending American University in Washington, D.C., she began her career with the Library of Congress as a library assistant (searcher) in the Exchange and Gift Division in June 1965. In October of the same year, Ms. Roberts transferred to the Cyrillic Bibliographic Project where she worked as a cataloger and translator until March 1968. She was awarded a bachelor of arts degree from American University in 1967.

Ms. Roberts joined the staff of the Subject Cataloging Division as a member of the Humanities Section in March 1968. She transferred to the Social Sciences Section in 1975 and to the Social Sciences II Section in 1979.

Catalogers in the section honored Ms. Roberts with a coffee reception the following week to celebrate her 20 years of Library service.

Sherlock Searcher, Space Cadet

Sherlock doesn't get spaced-out for his health, you know; he's just getting farther out in his quest for the mysterious UFOs. That's right; Un-Found Opuses, such as those listed here, repeatedly requested by readers but missing from the shelves and not charged in the Central Charge File. Sherlock knows, of course, that you wouldn't keep any uncharged books lying about (would you?), but if you just happen to know where any of these are, please give him a call. He beams down daily to Alcove 7, Main Reading Room, or you can leave a message for him with his ground support crew on ext. 77427, Collections Management Division.

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Activities of Present and Former Staff Members

Thomas J. Blumer, senior editor in the European Law Division, lectured on the Pamunkey Indian Tribe of Virginia at the Schiele Museum of Natural History in Gastonia, N.C., on June 21. Dr. Blumer addressed his remarks to the museum staff in specific areas of interest including tribal history, government, economic conditions, and the potters' craft as practiced among the Pamunkey Indians.

Arpad Bogsch, the director general of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and a former staff member of the Copyright Office, received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the National Law Center of the George Washington University at commencement ceremonies held on May 19. Dr. Bogsch became legal advisor to the Register of Copy-

rights in 1954. He left the Copyright Office in 1963 to become deputy director of the United Bureaux for the Protection of Intellectual Property (the predecessor of WIPO) at Geneva. In 1973, he was named director general of WIPO, the position he now holds.

WIPO, one of the 15 specialized agencies of the United Nations, promotes internationally the protection of patents, copyrights, trademarks, and related forms of property through cooperation with and among the member countries of various multilateral intellectual-property treaties, including the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, to which the U.S. belongs, and the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, of which the U.S. is not a member. The citation made upon the presentation of the degree to Dr. Bogsch refers to the unique service he has rendered in furthering "the understanding and establishment of intellectual property protection systems throughout the world."

Carl Fleischhauer, folklife specialist in the American Folklife Center, is the subject of "Cultural Research: Carl Fleischhauer" in the third edition of *Photography,* by Barbara London Upton (Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1984). As a photographer, Mr. Fleischhauer does not think of himself "as purely a maker of images," but rather "as a person who is curious about culture." His approach to a subject is described as being related to that of a photojournalist, but more thorough. The profile of his work also includes several of his photographs.

Kenton Kilmer, a former staff member of the Government and General Research Division of the Legislative Reference Service (Congressional Research Service), who retired from the Library of Congress in 1967, has translated *A Man in Three Worlds* (University Press of America, December 1984), an autobiography of Andre Chouraqui, a noted political, religious, and literary figure. The autobiography traces the events of Mr. Chouraqui's life from his childhood in the Jewish quarter of a Moslem town in French Algeria through his participation in the Resistance in France during World War II and his return to Algeria to serve as court of appeals judge. He served as a leading figure in the Alliance Israelite Universelle, as counselor to David Ben Gurion, and as deputy mayor of Jerusalem.

The son of the well-known poet Joyce Kilmer, Mr. Kilmer is himself a published poet. For several years, he was the poetry editor for *The Washington Post.*

Walter W. Ristow, the former chief of the Geography and Map Division, is the author of *American Maps and Mapmakers* (Wayne State University Press, June 1985). Dr. Ristow's work "provides the foundation for the study of commercial cartography through his extensive writings based on the vast map holdings of the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress." The volume is illustrated with over 200 quality reproductions of maps, charts, panoramic views, and portraits, and is considered unique in the field of cartographic history.

N. Louise Willingham, a former staff member of Processing Services, has been appointed assistant director for systems support and technical development for the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System (AFPL), in Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Willingham has served as head of the technical services at AFPL since October 1982. Prior to her joining AFPL, she was a Library staff member serving as the supervisor of the Pre-'56 Searching Unit of the *National Union Catalog;* as an editor of the *National Union Catalog;* as an editor of *LC Book Subjects;* and as an editor and liaison officer between the Library of Congress and the U.S. Government Printing Office, for LC printed cards.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Barbara Bailey, research analyst, GS-11, FRD, 40820; Margaret Bodde, photographer, GT-3, Photodup, 50119; Margaret Hadro, nurse practitioner, GS-11, Health, 50144; Dolores Morrison, photographer, GT-3, Photodup, 50119; Sandra Night, photographer, GT-3, Photodup, 50119; Karen Paur, research analyst, GS-5, FRD, 40819; Jacquelin Portis, copyright examiner, GS-9, Cop Exam, 40992.

Temporary Appointments: Stephanie Barnes, library aid, GS-3, Col Mgmt, G114F; Richard Boissonniere, library aid, GS-3, Col Mgmt, G114F; Gerald Burguera, computer system analyst, GS-9, CRS AIS, NP; Paula Cruz, library aid, GS-1, Hisp, NP; Kenneth Goodman, clerical assistant, GS-6, NLS/BPH, NP; Kimberly Howie, clerk, GS-2, Cop Acq & Proc, NP; Ginger Melton, library aid, GS-1, Ser, NP; Sonya Porter, library aid, GS-1, E&G, NP; Angelinita Powell, library aid, GS-1, P&P, NP; Tamara Raineri, library aid, GT-1, Photodup, NP; Tonyia Ryland, library aid, GS-1, GRR, NP; Riondo Shepard, clerk/typist, GS-1, Cop Exam, NP.

Reappointments: William Addison, library aid, GS-6, Ord, 50172; Keith Counihan, library technician, GS-5, Cop Acq & Proc, NP; Traci Gray, clerk/typist, GS-3, Cop Acq & Proc, C104E; Aldona Kamantauskas, library technician, GS-6, AFC, 50308; Malcolm Williams, library aid, GS-1, CRS L, NP.

Resignations: Lisa Adams, Ser; Sharon Chambers, CRS C; Sina Dubowoj, CRS C; Liane Eng, LL AB; Lise Kreps, CRS EPW; George Martin, Spec Pol; Dennis Martin, Net Dev; Barbara Smith, FLICC; Shirley Terry, FMO; Sheila Washington, Inf.

A proposed project to correct and update the complete tape file of Government Printing Office cataloging records dating back to June 1976 was described by Ms. Myers. The project would include but not be limited to: complete AACR 2 name-authority work through the Library of Congress NACO (Name Authority Cooperative) project; corrections to and addition of SUDOC, item, and stock numbers; correction of subject headings; provision of microform cataloging when appropriate; and some resolution of the problem of multiple (or availability) records. The possibility that the Government Printing Office would fund the project is under consideration.

Some discussion took place regarding a question raised in a CC:DA meeting about the desirability of adopting a different policy for treating minor changes to serial titles for the purpose of limiting the need for new cataloging records for each iteration. A proposal will be developed for discussion in the summer.

The committee approved a motion that the Government Printing Office follow Library of Congress practice in providing a 533 photo-reproduction note to describe an item cataloged from hard copy, but issued wholly or partially in microform.

—Suzanne Liggett

Resources and Technical Services Division

CCS Committee on Cataloging of Children's Materials

This committee, chaired by Laura Culberg, met twice. The first session began with a discussion of a major project that the committee has decided to undertake, the putting together of an information packet to be sold by ALA, dealing with the cataloging of children's materials. Committee members felt the contents should include reprints of key articles that have been published on children's cataloging. Items suggested for the packet included the guidelines developed by the committee, information on handling audiovisual material and microcomputer software, examples of cataloging offered by vendors, a bibliography of other sources of information and cataloging tools, and a cover letter written by the committee. Committee members were asked to review articles being considered for this packet before the summer meetings, when further action will be taken.

Gregory New, the Dewey liaison, gave a report concerning activities in the Decimal Classification Division of the Library of Congress, including developments related to several schedule revisions. This particular topic was also brought to the committee's attention by Lois Winkle, editor of *Elementary School Library Collection.*

The Library of Congress liaison, Jane Marton, reported on the activities of the Children's Literature Section, including new headings, the expanded scope of the Annotated Card Program, and new products of interest to those working with children. She also took suggestions for new headings.

The committee expressed a desire to have a representative from *Sears* present at the Chicago meeting, preferably the editor. The committee also considered requesting that a relationship with *Sears* be formalized by a liaison appointment.

At the second meeting of the committee there was a discussion of a proposal being considered by the Library of Congress to add publisher-supplied summaries to adult material in the CIP (Cataloging in Publication) program. Also discussed were the possibility of a "road show" on children's cataloging sponsored by RTSD and a renewed effort to provide more information about children's cataloging on the professional journals.

The final item considered was a letter from Ms. Winkle suggesting that the committee support the creation of a children's subject heading list in place of the AC subject list and in addition to the LCSH (Library of Congress Subject Headings). The committee recommended that Ms. Winkle approach a commercial publisher with her idea.

—Jane E. Marton

Newbery and Caldecott Awards Announced

Winners of the annual Newbery and Caldecott Medals were selected and announced by the Association of Library Service for Children, during the ALA Midwinter Meeting. Robin McKinley, author of *The Hero and the Crown* (Greenwillow Books) won the 1985 Newbery Medal for the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published in 1984. Trina Schart Hyman, illustrator of *Saint George and the Dragon* retold by Margaret Hodges (Little, Brown) won the 1985 Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children published in 1984.

The Newbery Committee named three Honor Books—*Like Jake and Me* by Mavis Jukes (Knopf); *The Moves Make the Man* by Bruce Brooks (Harper & Row); and *One-Eyed Cat* by Paula Fox (Bradbury). The three Caldecott Honor Books were *Hansel and Gretel,* retold by Rika Lesser and illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky (Dodd Mead); *Have You Seen My Duckling?* by Nancy Tafuri (Greenwillow Books); and *The Story of Jumping Mouse* by John Steptoe (Lothrop, Lee & Shepard). The authors and illustrators were to receive their medals and citations at the ALSC Newbery/Caldecott Awards celebration during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.

—Sybille A. Jagusch

ALA Council Commends Library Report On Books in Our Future

At its January 9 meeting, the council commended The Librarian of Congress, the Advisory Committee on the Book in the Future, and the Center for the Book for preparation and publication of *Books in Our Future* [see the LC *Information Bulletin* of December 10, 1984, page 401]. The council called the report a "timely and provocative" document that "identifies a realistic agenda for responsibility and action within the Congress and the Executive Branch of the Federal government." In a letter to The Librarian of Congress accompanying the council resolution, Eileen D. Cooke, director of the ALA Washington Office, was especially appreciative of the support *Books in Our Future* lends to "ongoing library and related legislative and executive agency efforts." Copies of the 49-page report are available at $2.50 (Stock No. 052-070-05978-8) from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

—John Y. Cole

Session on the Special Foreign Acquisition Program of the Library of Congress

The semiannual reporting session on the Library of Congress Special Foreign Acquisitions Program was held on January 7 with approximately 50 librarians in attendance. Robert C. Sullivan, director for acquisitions and overseas operations, Processing Services, Library of Congress, welcomed the attendees and introduced Rodney G. Sarle, chief, and Alice Kniskern, program officer, of the Library's Overseas Operations Division, as well as other staff members. Mr. Sullivan announced that the vacant positions of chief and assistant chief of the Order Division would be filled in the next several months. He noted that the Library of Congress aquisitions programs conducted by the overseas offices had developed and matured over the past 22 years so that in addition to acquisitions, several offices are now also engaged in preservation and cataloging activities. Mr. Sullivan pledged the continuation of these programs, depending upon funding by the Congress, as well as active cooperation and communication with participants in the tradition of Ed Applebaum and Frank McGowan.

Mr. Sullivan called attention to the LC *Information Bulletin* of December 24, containing the Semiannual Report of Developments at the Library of Congress between April and September 1984. He also mentioned a report made on January 5 to Research Technical Services Division members summarizing highlights of activities in Processing Services during the past six months. This report will become a regular feature at ALA conferences in the future, he said. He also reported on the automated acquisitions system design under way in Processing Services. A preliminary draft of goals and functional requirements is currently under review by a committee composed of representatives from offices throughout the Library that have acquisitions needs. Finally, Mr. Sullivan mentioned the seven acquisition review seminars held at the Library during the past year to assess the effectiveness of current acquisition policies and procedures and to determine ways to improve coverage and receipts. This series will continue in 1985 with a meeting scheduled for early February to review acquisitions arrangements for selected South American countries.

Mr. Sarle reported next, announcing that Christian Filstrup would begin as assistant chief of the Overseas Operations Division on January 14. A field director's conference had been scheduled for New Delhi, India, from March 25 to 29. In keeping with an increased emphasis on communication with participating libraries, both the New Delhi and Karachi offices have sent out informal circular letters and comments are welcome. Throughput studies to improve publication processing time in each office have been instituted. The strategic planning taking place within Processing Services has been extended to include all six field offices. Microfiche copies of back files of the various *Accessions Lists* produced by the field offices are being prepared and the Library of Congress Photoduplication Service will accept orders soon. Auditing of the six offices is also under way and should be completed by the end of January. Office automation is to be instituted eventually in each of the offices; a study is being completed to coordinate these plans and activities with those of Processing Services, in order to promote compatibility, flexibility, and efficiency. Lygia Ballantyne has been appointed field director of the Rio de Janeiro office and James Armstrong returned to Nairobi last June after a one-year assignment at the Library of Congress.

Mr. Sarle then discussed the South Asian Program. Fiscal year 1985 is a critical year for the New Delhi office because the rupee funds that have been available since 1962 will expire on September 30. A request for dollar funding has been included in the fiscal year 1986 budget, to enable the office in New Delhi to continue as a dollar program with participating libraries contributing their share of the expenses. Sufficient rupees are expected to be available to enable the Library to obligate funds for fiscal year 1986 expenses for books and serials. A recent circular letter to India-participants described this situation. The amount of a minimum fee, handling charges, and special order fees for the new program have yet to be determined. The field directors in New Delhi and Jakarta will rotate assign-

ments in September. Jack Crawford will be on home leave this summer and an all-day briefing at the Library for participants will be held if there is sufficient interest in the India Program as revealed by a mail survey. Ruth Thomas and Mya Thanda Poe are scheduled to be on home leave from Nairobi and New Delhi, respectively, during the coming year.

Alice Kniskern continued the reporting session with a promise to complete the construction of profiles for participating libraries for the New Delhi Program by the end of January. She reported that by the end of December more than 4,000 bibliographic records for monographs had been loaded from diskettes keyed in New Delhi to the Library's mainframe computer. This new system of capturing data in machine-readable form is known as the Overseas Data Entry System (ODE).

The New Delhi Overseas Cataloging project (NEWDOC) grew out of ODE. The aim of this program is to minimize the processing necessary for cataloging data at the Library of Congress. Because it is expected that this program will expand, it will be termed Overseas Cataloging (OC) in the future. The goals of the program also include the reduction of work necessary to catalog entries prepared overseas and aiding participating libraries by speeding up the availability and improving the accuracy of such data. Cataloging arrearages at the Library have been significantly reduced, especially in the categories of African and Middle Eastern and South Asia.

Ms. Kniskern next described three significant developments in cataloging: Minimal Level Cataloging (MLC), collection level cataloging (especially helpful for Indian pamphlets), and full cataloging of selected microforms. Soon all material microfiched in India will receive MLC with some titles flagged for full cataloging. In New Delhi, a total of 36,899 microfiche have been produced since 1978. Of this total, 17,366 are primarily Indonesian and Malaysian, 1,247 are Burmese and Thai, and 14,509 are South Asian; in addition 444 are titles sent from the Cairo office and 66 are titles acquired in Afghanistan.

In Pakistan, U.S. Government-owned rupees are also being rapidly depleted. They are now estimated to be sufficient for another two to four years.

The volume of scholarly publishing in Pakistan has declined. Government restrictions on importing paper into Pakistan make the process so costly that it is cheaper to have books printed elsewhere and imported rather than have them printed within Pakistan. The Director of Libraries in Pakistan has agreed to provide the Karachi office with information about book publishing.

The office is increasing acquisitions from Iran. The blanket order dealer in Tehran has now been requested to mail shipments to the Karachi office. Eunice Gupta, the field director, is exploring several new sources of Iranian publications. The Karachi office has become the Library's center for Persian cataloging. The LC Persian cataloger was sent there for six weeks to coordinate training for the cataloging of Persian-language materials. The English-language program for Pakistan will continue as long as rupees remain available. A report on serial subscriptions will be sent from Karachi to all participating libraries indicating the titles subscribed to and the cost; but no date will be provided on the latest issues actually forwarded. Publications from Afghanistan are being routed directly to New Delhi for cataloging and distribution. Afghani newspapers are being microfilmed in New Delhi.

Receipts from the Jakarta office increased during fiscal year 1984. Monographic receipts rose 16 percent and new serial titles increased by 5½ percent. The University of Michigan joined the Southeast Asian Program, bringing the total number of participating libraries to 14. In the 20 years this office has operated, more than 3,200,000 pieces have been distributed to participating libraries, exclusive of the approximate 17,000 microfiche distributed since 1977 and the hundreds of microfiche of Dutch technical reports also distributed.

The Cairo office plans to issue an informal newsletter from time to time. Participating libraries are urged to contact the office about any topics not covered in these circular letters. Also, the Cairo office will issue a serial report in early February. Staff have been added and procedures revised to improve production time, with the goal that all materials be processed within six months. A questionnaire is being prepared in Cairo to query libraries about binding service.

Two proposals about the *Accessions Lists* are being evaluated. One is to produce them in microfiche format and the other is to reduce the page size to approximately 6 by 8 inches. George Atiyeh, head of the Library's Near East Section, accompanied Michael Albin on a trip to Turkey in September. Turkish books acquired by the Library will be sent to Cairo for preliminary cataloging. Turkey may be added to the Cairo office as a multiple copy program next year.

—Robert C. Sullivan

Ethnic Materials Information Exchange Round Table

The agenda for the Ethnic Materials Information Exchange Round Table of the ALA (EMIE) meeting on January 6 included approval of previously published reports by the secretary and the treasurer; reports by the secretary and the treasurer; reports by EMIE committee heads; and general announcements and discussion. Following the meeting, individual committees met in working sessions.

Patricia Bielke of the Membership Committee reported on plans for a membership recruitment brochure. David Cohen and Vladimir Wertsman, publisher and editor, respectively, of the *EMIE Bulletin,* reported that the newsletter needs more information from members to be truly viable, and urged all present to submit news and information. Emmett Davis, editor of the *Directory of Ethnic Publishers and Resource Organizations,* reported on the *Directory's* basic information file which will be available by computer, and the abbreviated version being planned for print. The current file contains 504 listings and all interested persons were urged to contribute information on publishers and organizations that may have been omitted from the list. Patrick Valentine, chair of the Program Committee, indicated that plans are well under way for the program at the annual meeting in Chicago this summer. The program will be a workshop on mobility skills for ethnic librarians, and will also include a social function with REFORMA, a national association of Spanish-speaking librarians in the United States. Several suggestions were made to form a Task Force for Special Programs. It was also proposed that EMIE present an award to an ethnic writer at each summer conference. Other proposals focused on library education and the development of an ethnic book list.

It was announced that the final draft of the EMIE by-laws will be published in the next issue of the *EMIE Bulletin.* A major item of discussion was the role of the EMIE Round Table in the ALA. The services ALA offers and ways in which these could be more effective were explored. Some disappointment over the absence of an EMIE representative on the ALA President's Committee on Minority Concerns was expressed; it was pointed out that this situation is somewhat offset by the several EMIE members who serve on that committee.

At its work session which followed the general meeting, the EMIE Publications Committee discussed its various projects. The format and guidelines for the inclusion of information in the *Directory of Ethnic Publishers and Resource Organizations* were discussed. The committee's other responsibility, the *EMIE Bulletin,* was also a topic of discussion. The editor urged those present to be mindful of the quarterly deadlines and to submit information early. It was announced that the format and size of the *Bulletin* will be retained for the present, and that inserts, covering areas of special interest, might be published occasionally. An announcement was also made that non-ALA/EMIE members may subscribe to the *EMIE Bulletin.* The group made plans to meet at the Chicago conference in formal and informal sessions as needed.

—Enikő Molnár Basa

ALA Outreach to Chinese and Japanese Libraries

Efforts by the American Library Association to monitor and promote professional contacts with librarians in China and Japan continue under the leadership of two ad hoc advisory committees appointed by the International Relations Committee (IRC).

The IRC Advisory Committee on Liaison with Chinese Libraries under the chairmanship of Robert D. Stueart, dean, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College, met on January 7 to consider four items. First, Dean Stueart reported on a project he is heading to organize a team of 30 library and information science specialists for a three-week lecture tour of Chinese libraries in the spring of 1985. The project, which is under the auspices of the Citizen Ambassador Program of People to People International in the United States and the Society of Chinese Libraries, is already oversubscribed. Negotiations are now being conducted to increase the number of lectures to perhaps 45. Second, Josephine Riss Fang, professor at Simmons College, noted that discussions are being held on a proposal by the Society of Chinese Libraries to convene a series of library seminars in China following the IFLA General Conference scheduled for Tokyo in 1986. Third, Warren Tsuneishi, director for area studies at the Library of Congress, reported that there are plans for the National Library of China delegation to the 1985 IFLA General Conference in Chicago to visit American libraries after the conference, under the auspices of the U.S. Information Agency. Fourth, Mr. Tsuneishi also reported that an article on U.S.-China exchanges of librarians prepared by him for the 1985 ALA *Yearbook* had been sent to the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Scholarly Communication with the People's Republic of China. That committee, which is compiling a report on educational and cultural interchange between the U.S. and China in recent years, had requested information on exchange of librarians from ALA.

The IRC Advisory Committee on Liaison with Japanese Libraries met under the chairmanship of Theodore F. Welch, director, University Libraries, University of Northern Illinois, on January 5, to consider two lines of action. First, the committee considered organizing a study tour of Japanese libraries for American librarians attending the IFLA General Conference in Tokyo. Second, the committee will continue to explore organizational, funding, and thematic issues involved in planning for the proposed Fourth U.S.-Japan Conference on Libraries.

—Warren Tsuneishi

Chinese American Librarians Association Meets in Conjunction With ALA

The Catalog Management and Publication Division of the Library of Congress was the host for the annual board of directors meeting of the Chinese-American Libraries Association (CALA) on January 7. The CALA board meeting was being held in conjunction with the Midwinter Meeting of the ALA of which it is an affiliate.

Fourteen board members and two observers attended the meeting, which was held in the office of Gloria Hsia, chief of the Catalog Management and Publication Division and a member of CALA's board of directors. Sally Tseng, president of CALA, chaired the meeting, which began with special announcements and committee reports. The Research and Grants Committee announced that CALA would award $3,000 in research grants and scholarships during the year. Recipients were to be announced in July at CALA's annual meeting in Chicago.

William Wan of CALA's Program Committee announced the theme and speakers chosen for the annual meeting. This year's theme was "High Technology in Libraries—Challenge to Asian Libraries." Guest speakers were Gary E. Strong, California state librarian, the California State Library, and Thomas J. Galvin, dean of library and information sciences at the University of Pittsburgh. Henriette D. Avram, the Assistant Librarian for Processing Services at the Library of Congress, was to be the featured speaker at CALA's annual dinner.

In other business, CALA's Books to China Committee announced that financial support for this program is sought from the Books to China Foundation and the Asia Foundation. The board also voted to support minority services at the Los Angeles County Public Library.

Anyone who wishes to join CALA should contact Daphne Hsueh, CALA Membership Chair, 4329 Braunton Road, Columbus, OH 43220.

—Harriett Hawkins

Copyright *(Continued from page 191)*

Mr. Curran noted other problems in addition to copyright notice. "Given that conditioning full-term copyright upon the use of the notice is a prohibited formality under Berne, that portion of the law must be changed," he said. "To the extent they are notice-related, the registration, recordation, and deposit provisions must be modified." He added that, "The renewal provisions and the manufacturing clause seem incompatible with Berne."

Mr. Curran also pointed out problems with the obligation to provide some retroactive protection; protection for the "moral rights" of an author; the jukebox compulsory license; and the self-executing nature of some Berne provisions. He noted, "the renewal issue requires very careful consideration and legislation; many contracts exist for which the continuation of the present law was an important assumption of the parties."

Although all six witnesses at the hearing said they welcomed progress toward the United States' adherence to the Berne Convention, it appears that changes in the U.S. law may be substantial enough that special interests opposed to change (for example, jukebox interests) may try to block or slow down that adherence.

In addition to Mr. Curran and Dr. Bogsch, those testifying at the hearing included: Elinor Constable, acting assistant secretary for business and economic affairs at the State Department; Barbara Ringer, former Register of Copyrights; Donald J. Quigg, acting commissioner for patents and trademarks; and Michael Hathaway, deputy general counsel at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., chaired the hearing before the Senate Subcommittee on Patents, Copyrights, and Trademarks. Senators Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.) and Patrick Leahy (D.-Vt.) were also present.

Prime Minister of Yugoslavia Visits the Library

Her Excellency Milka Planinc, Prime Minister of Yugoslavia, visited the Library on June 1. David H. Kraus, acting chief of the European Division, welcomed Prime Minister Planinc and her official party to the Library and escorted them on a brief tour that included the Thomas Jefferson Building and a stop in The Librarian's office, where they viewed an early 17th-century map of Dalmatia.

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Meetings and Events Around the Library

Monday, August 5

☐ "Miniature and Small Lawbooks," exhibition reopens, to run through October 3 in the Law Library Reading Room, James Madison Memorial Building. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekends and holidays.

Tuesday, August 6

☐ "Ethnic Materials in the Hispanic Division of the Library of Congress," Sandra B. Escobar, Hispanic Division, Library of Congress. LC Professional Association Special Interest Group on Ethnic Resources at the Library of Congress. LM 403, 12:10 to 12:40 p.m. **For members and staff.**

☐ "What Would You Do If You Were Queen/King of the Library of Congress for a Day?" Robert Zich, director, Office of Planning and Development, Library of Congress. LC Professional Association Special Interest Group on Library Science. LM 642, 12:10 to 12:40 p.m. **For members and staff.**

The Mary Pickford Theater

Among the current ongoing series are **Blue Collar Thirties,** with "Tiger Shark" (1932), 7:30 p.m., Monday, July 29; and **A Jason Robards Retrospective,** with "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich" (1963), 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 31.

The **Movies for Children** series on Saturdays at 2 p.m. continues with "Laurel and Hardy Shorts" (1930–32), August 10.

To make phone reservations, no earlier than one week preceding a screening, call (202) 287–5677, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Stand-bys are admitted 10 minutes before a show to take unclaimed seats. Seating is limited to 64.

Events are open to the public unless otherwise specified.

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